[Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar]

A number of depots for the stocking and sale of manures to agriculturists have been opened, and a vigorous food production drive is being carried on.

Chengannur-Parumala Road.

430. *MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the Chengannur-Parumala road *via* Pandanad is under Government maintenance and if so, the annual rate of maintenance per mile ;

(*b*) whether the portion of the road between the Government M. P. School, Vanmazhi and the Parumala ferry is now fit for vehicle communication and if not, the reason for the same; and

(*c*) how long this part of the road has been unfit for vehicle communication ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO : (*a*) Yes. Rs. 120 per mile for the last 4 miles ; Rs. 30 per mile for the remaining 2 miles.

(*b*) and (*c*) The portion except that from 3/8 to the end is fit for cart traffic. There are no culverts and the road is low and narrow with no surfacing in this latter portion.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI : May I know whether any portion of this amount of Rs. 120 was spent for that purpose during these years ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO : Yes, Sir.

Thalayolapparampu Fish Market.

431. *MR. K. R. NARAYANAN (*Vaikom* cum *Kottayam*): With reference to the Thalayolapparampu Fish Market, will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the date on which the site was acquired ;

(*b*) whether an estimate has been prepared for putting up a shed ;

(*c*) if so, when ; and

(*d*) the stage at which the proceedings thereon now stand ?

MR. K. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) 5-2-1116.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) and (*d*) In view of the answer to part (*b*) these questions do not arise.

Cashewnut Factories.

432. *MR. P. S. MUHAMED (*Quilon* cum *Kottarakara*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether the wage rates in the several cashewnut factories in different places are different ?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS : Yes.

MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN : May I know the reason for this difference ?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS : The factories pay as they like to the coolies

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